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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 01/29/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argues that the reference of Berger DOES NOT ***determine whether or not a particular sensor is a signal-value-range multiplex output type sensor, i.e., a sensor having at least two different outputs that are multiplexed*** (page 7 of the amendment).

Claim 1, recites

*“determining whether the sensor is*

*(a) a signal-value-range multiplex output type sensor having at least two different output that are multiplexed, OR*

*(b) not a signal-value-range multiplex output type sensor having at lest two different outputs that are multiplexed”.*

While claim 11 recites

*“the sensor is recognized as a signal-value-range multiplex output type sensor if both determinations are met, and if either determination fails, then the sensor is not recognized as a signal- value-range multiplex output type sensor”*

For claim 1 and 11, the claim does not required sensor (a) AND sensor (b) to be presented at the same time. As such, reference Berger teaches a method to determine

the liquid level sensor is a type (b) sensor because the sensor in Berger is clearly a sensor does not have two different outputs that are multiplexed together

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manko Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 270-7917. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 9:00-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew A. Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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